

## Australian Law Reform Commission: Adolescent & Young Adult Feedback

I am making this submission to contribute to the Australian Law Reform Commission's review of Australian surrogacy laws, policies, and practices.

1. I am 13 years old.

2. I was born via surrogacy:

in Australia

Overseas

3. I was born with the help of:

Egg Donor  Neither

Sperm Donor

Both

4. What are some good things about being born through surrogacy?

I don't really notice the difference. It's never really brought up outside of subjects like this.

5. Describe any tricky or difficult times you've had because you were born through surrogacy?

No, as it is never brought up outside of things like this.

6. Should there be more education about surrogacy in schools and the media? Why?

I think that it should be handled in the future when the public is generally more accepting.

7. When a child is born through surrogacy, should their parents be legally recognised straight away (currently they are not)? Explain why.

I think that if the parents want that, they should sign legal documents prior to the birth of their child. If they don't they just won't sign the documents.

8. In Australia, a surrogate is allowed to change their mind about handing over the baby to the parents. What do you think of that?

I think that morally, the parents should be given the child. But I think the surrogate has a right to refuse, if they deem the parents unfit or would rather just not hand over the child. Said matter should be settled legally.

9. In Australia, surrogates and donors are not allowed to be paid. What do you think of that?

I think that should be settled with the surrogate. If they want to be paid, they should be paid.

10. Is there anything else you want to share about surrogacy and the rules around it?

No. I'd say I've covered everything, and would rather not continue.